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Wolf Is At Rancher's Door

Opinion

FOR THE cultures, economic systems, communities and children in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area (BRWRA) there are, unfortunately, powerful media and outreach campaigns shaping "public opinion," and passing for it.

To these extremely populous but misinformed segments of society, the BRWRA consists of ... an empty slate of pristine wilderness, and a few disgruntled ranchers. In actuality this is an ancient agricultural area inhabited for more than 1,000 years. ...

The beauty and bounty of nature is a tribute to the historical local communities here which ought to be recognized, honored and preserved for the great value of the effect their culture has on the preservation of biodiversity, even if it takes an amendment to the EPA to achieve this. ...

To give an example of the value accorded this type of community, the International Convention on Biodiversity (ICB) stresses over and over the integral importance of preserving these cultures, as it recognizes that these local historic cultures have a crucial role to play in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

The ICB also calls on all its parties to

protect and maintain the knowledge, innovations and practices of local rural communities and that their significance should be taken into account in all aspects of the Convention. Local cultures are given equal status with protected areas in the importance of their ability to maintain biodiversity.

The ignorance of these values is reflected in the terror and cultural devastation being visited here. These horrors are a tribute to the myopic nature of the government agencies and their environmental partner's involvement misinforming the "public opinion."

The loss of biodiversity that will result from the ongoing process of cultural genocide befalling these communities is not properly understood by the masses. Although this type of degradation is documented by scientists (Ed Medina and Dr. John Rinne of the USDA Rocky Mountain Research Station), this important information is ignored by the wolf program.

From the depredation "solution" of "compensation" (a payoff for a particularly gruesome form of your own cultural destruction) to deceptive government agency public "outreach" and "education," with its resulting effect of indoctrination legally trumping reality, the program agencies and supporting (environmental groups) are in desperate need of their own reality check. Buyouts and

compensation are not compatible with the preservation of the human cultures or the biodiversity.

Another major impact— so far unaddressed by the program— is the enormous amount of fear, terror and stress it engenders. The existing levels of government agency created fear, terror and stress should be unacceptable anywhere in the world, and certainly reaches totalitarian levels of callous and aggressive government heavy-handedness toward a local population.

The Center for Biological Diversity's current pitch to mandate by law removal by the ranchers of all the cow carcasses piling up here is yet another attempt to further cripple the local culture.

A half day or more spent every day or so looking for grisly carcasses in this rugged terrain— and then removing them— would be an impossible strain on an already over-taxed situation, and they know it! ...

Is this what cultural genocide feels like?

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